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BOXES ARE EMPTY AND CUBICLES ARE FULL—1,400 KYTC EMPLOYEES SETTLE IN THEIR NEW HOME



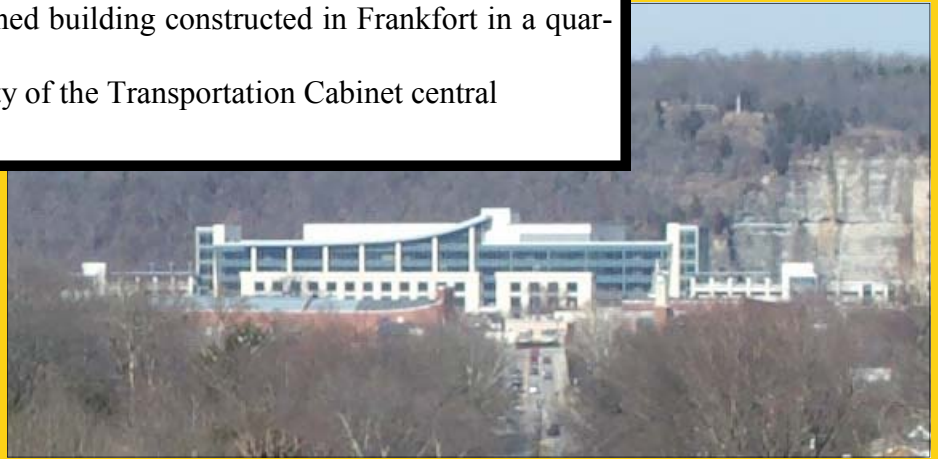
Since its inception, the newly completed Transportation Cabinet office building in Frankfort has been a big deal to many Kentuckians, from state employees and local residents to national media. Why? Because it's a \$113 million complex and it's the home to a large state government cabinet. And speaking of home, 1,400 employees have settled into their new spaces; the move is officially over!

There is a lot to be said for KYTC's new central office. Many

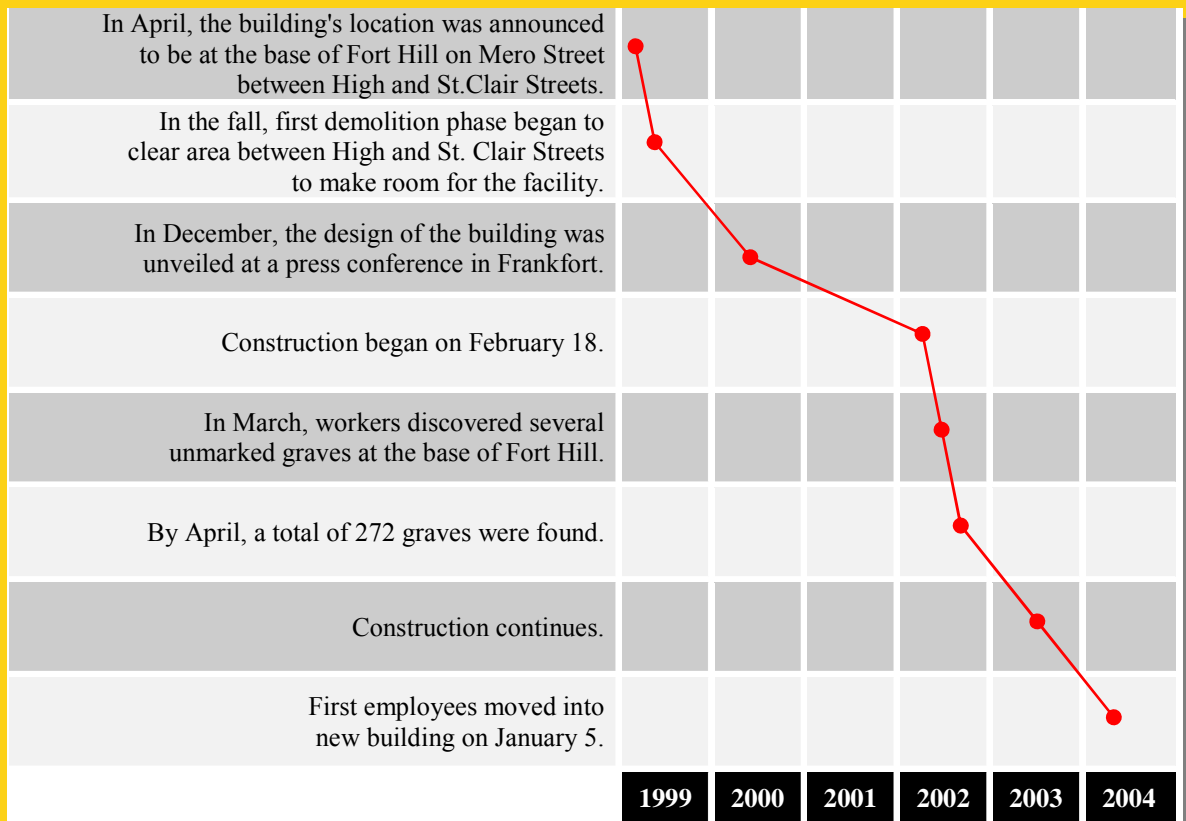
Frankfort employees have literally "crossed the road" leaving behind an old, dirty, asbestos-laden work area to come to a new, clean, bright workspace—with covered parking. It took several years to see the light at the end of the tunnel. From a shortage of parking spaces to muddy streets, not to mention having to pack up and move on top of regular job duties, Frankfort KYTC employees have endured a lot. But, they say it was well worth it.

DID YOU KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OFFICE BUILDING?

- ➔ Cost— \$113 Million
- ➔ Accommodates 1,400 employees
- ➔ Six Stories Tall (and 7th story electrical penthouse)
- ➔ 431,871 Square Feet
- ➔ Project architect—Ekhoﬀ, Ochenkoski and Polk Architects, Lexington
- ➔ Primary contractor—Messer Construction Company, Lexington, Louisville, Cincinnati
- ➔ Largest state government-owned building constructed in Frankfort in a quarter of a century
- ➔ New facility holds the majority of the Transportation Cabinet central office workforce



MEMORABLE EVENTS



Whether you work here or you're visiting,
it's nice to know where all the
divisions and offices are located.

1ST FLOOR

Conference Center
Vehicle Enforcement
Transportation Operations Center
Printing and Photographic Services
Concessions and Cafeteria
Mail Services
Infirmary
Environmental Analysis Laboratory
Building Services

2ND FLOOR

Motor Vehicle Licensing
Motor Carriers
Drivers Licensing

3RD FLOOR

Contract Procurement
Construction
Aeronautics
Transportation Delivery
Drivers Safety
Transportation Accountability
Vehicle Regulation
Traffic Operations
Maintenance
Bridge Design

4TH FLOOR

Technology
Property and Supply
Road Fund Audit
Administrative Services
Accounts
Purchases
Internal Audit
Fiscal Management

5TH FLOOR

Planning
Environmental Analysis
Multimodal Programs
Highway Design
Right of Way

6TH FLOOR

Personnel Services
Employee Health and Safety
Employee Recruitment and Development
Human Resource Management
Minority Affairs
Rural/Municipal Aid
General Counsel
Office of Secretary
Department of Highways
Policy and Budget
Professional Services
External Audit
Program Management
Quality
Public Affairs



Moving an Inserter is as easy as 1...2...3

How do you move a piece of equipment from one building to the other that weighs 1800 pounds and is too large to ride in an elevator? That's simple. Just push it out a second story window and hope the ground breaks its fall! Luckily, that is not what the Division of Driver Licensing did. Earlier this month, Driver Licensing folks had to move a large inserter (a machine that inserts a mailing into an envelope, seals it and places postage on it) from their old office to their new office space in the new building. Unfortunately, it was too large to be

placed on any elevator. They had to move the inserter with a crane out of their second story window and load it on a truck. The inserter was then transported to the new building. There again, the inserter was too large to fit on the elevators so a stair rail on the second floor had to be removed to move the inserter from the east parking garage to its current resting place located on the second floor.



MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BAILEY



Certainly, the major accomplishment for the Cabinet during the month of February has been the successful move into our new headquarters building in Frankfort. All KYTC employees deserve special thanks for their flexibility, patience and good attitudes during this major change—which has affected every employee.

All the Frankfort-based employees endured years of construction, street closings, portions of the parking lots continually under construction and even occasional water outages. All those inconveniences occurred *before* the move ever started!

Then in January, the moving process started. Getting 1400 employees relocated took five and a half weeks, with the able assistance of Tri City Van & Storage of Louisville. It was a very organized process and they actually finished their work early! The employees working in the new building had to make major changes. Many had worked more than 35 years in the same building and some reportedly still had every piece of paper they had ever

received! So the process of discarding and packing for relocation to generally a smaller space was a major ordeal.

A major help to orient employees to the new openwork environment came in the form of a course designed by the division of employee recruitment and development. In this mandatory class, entitled “Open Space/Open Mind,” employees were able to see the actual size of their work station and have questions answered about the new environment, before the actual move.

A very exciting addition to the new building is our new Transportation Operations Center, located on the first floor. This area, staffed 24/7, serves as the center for all incidents and weather-related activities on our highways. An impressive part of the center is a wall of live video feeds from our four regional operations centers, located in Louisville, northern Kentucky, Lexington and the Cumberland Gap tunnels. This 8,750 square foot state-of-the-art facility serves as the center for highway emergency response, including snow and ice removal.

Another innovation is a “One-Stop” Center, located on the second floor. Ninety per cent of the visitors to our building are coming here for vehicle regulation transactions. They can enter without a visitor’s pass and conduct their business. A pager system, similar to that used in restaurants, allows the public to use the snack bar and cafeteria, until they are “called.”

We believe our new building will also help our employees out in the state. It will be more convenient for you to conduct your business here. When you come to visit, you will find all human resources personnel in one area on the same floor, instead of scattered between five floors. Other functions, previously separated by floors,

are now working side by side.

There are excellent conference facilities for your use—they range in size from room for a few people to an auditorium that seats 250. Conference rooms are located on each floor and computer training space is also available. The new building has video conferencing rooms and equipment will soon be available allowing you to go to virtually any workstation in the building and be connected with employees statewide in a “live” conversation.

There are a few areas and individuals that deserve special kudos. Spencer Sullivan, assistant director of property and supply, served as the project manager. Spencer had his first meeting on the project about 4 ½ years ago and the meetings haven’t stopped yet! Lori Gibson, also of property and supply, coordinated the entire move. Larry Britton and Tom Moore worked for more than four years on technology aspects of the move. During the entire move process, the office of technology, receptionists, security and mail services had to keep things operational in both buildings—and with the same number of employees.

Largely because of the size and design, our new building has already become a major landmark in downtown Frankfort. When district employees visit, and we certainly hope you will, *come through the front door* and get a *visitor’s pass* and *information* about getting to the area you need to visit.

Again, let me express my personal thank *you* to each of *you* for your continued commitment to serving the citizens of Kentucky.

Clay Bailey

A memorial to those who lost their lives in roadway work zones will visit the KYTC central office from Tuesday, March 9th through Thursday, March 11th. The memorial - which includes the names of workers, law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, motorists and their passengers - is a traveling exhibit called "Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road" (pictured at right). Kentucky residents are included on the memorial wall. The memorial will be displayed in the lobby from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Tuesday, March 9th through Thursday, March 11th. In addition, a press conference will be held on Tuesday, March 9th at 11:00 AM in the lobby to introduce the memorial and reinforce the work zone safety message to the people of Kentucky. We invite you to attend the press conference and/or visit the memorial during the above mentioned dates and times.



'TRANSPORTATION—IT KEEPS OUR ECONOMY MOVING' WAS THEME OF THIS YEAR'S KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

Governor Ernie Fletcher and Kentucky Transportation Secretary Clay Bailey, along with Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters and others spoke to a crowd of more than 400 attending the 26th Annual Kentucky Transportation Conference held in Frankfort in January. Sponsored by Kentuckians for Better Transportation in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the conference received the largest amount of participants in its 26-year history.

"We've got to modernize our tax system so that we can have the growth of revenue that comes from a tax system that matches the economy," Governor Fletcher told the crowd. "Our economy has changed—our tax system hasn't."



Gov. Fletcher emphasized the importance of transportation to Kentucky's economy.

Fletcher told the conference it is important to upgrade Kentucky's airports to attract business to Kentucky. He said airport, road, bridge and other infrastructure improvements would be possible with a modernized tax structure and

more efficient state government.

Transportation Secretary Bailey, welcoming the group, noted that the theme of the conference 'Transportation; it keeps our economy moving' fits perfectly with the vision he and Governor Fletcher have for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

"We are looking to build a safe and reliable transportation system," said Bailey, "that will support Kentucky's future economic growth, our national competitiveness and our overall quality of life. Additionally, we want to create a contracting process that is fair, reflects geographic

equity, establishes a level playing field and guarantees the best value for the Kentucky taxpayer. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has had more than its share of problems in the past, particularly the loss over time of the public's trust in what we do. But Governor Fletcher and I believe with determined leadership, innovative ideas and realistic solutions, and with the support of folks like you, we can reverse this trend and restore hope to Kentucky's transportation program."

"Transportation," said Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters, "is the engine that drives the economy." She noted the transportation sector accounts for more than 11.7 million jobs and contributes over \$1 trillion annually to the U.S. economy, generating more than 10 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

"The progress that the Bush Administration has made to revitalize the economy and put Americans back to work," said Peters, "could be seriously hampered unless we, in transportation, do our jobs. The information superhighway does not replace our enormous network of roads and bridges, rail, ports, and airports. 'Just in time' freight delivery relies on our transportation network to get orders delivered in time. There should be little surprise that one of the earliest signals of the recovery was an upsurge in truck freight traffic. Having a job is not enough, people need to get to them and back home again."

Peters noted Kentucky had 921 fatalities in 2003, up from 917 in 2002 and an increase of 22 percent since 1994. She said safety belts are the most effective device for saving lives of motorists. Peters also stated safety belt use in Kentucky is about 65 percent compared to the national rate of 79 percent, ranking Kentucky 44th out of 50 states in belt use. She said average use in primary law states is 83 percent.

CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENGINEERS THIS WEEK

If you switched on a light, drove a car, sat down at a computer or used a microwave today, then you need to thank an engineer. All these wonderful conveniences came to you courtesy of an engineer! February 22-28 is the week set aside nationally to celebrate the contributions of engineers. Since 1951, National Engineers Week has been celebrated each February. KYTC engineers are celebrating this week by promoting careers in engineering in schools throughout the state.

The Transportation Cabinet employs 485 engineers and engineers in training. Our Cabinet has more engineers than any other state government cabinet. Engineers who are volunteers with the Kentucky Engineer Exposure Network (KEEN) work throughout the year to promote the field of engineering. The Cabinet also has a scholarship program for students who want to become civil engineers.

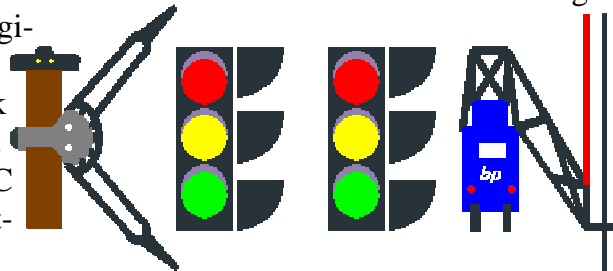
The KEEN members will also participate in Engineer's Day at the University

of Kentucky on Saturday, February 28th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. More information on that event, open to the public, is available at <http://www.engr.uky.edu/eday/2004>. There will be contests and demonstrations and KYTC employees will demonstrate cutting-edge technology being used in the

planning, design, construction and operation of safe and efficient highways.

Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network

The national celebration is held each year near the time of George Washington's birthday. The nation's first president was a military engineer and land surveyor and established the first call for an engineering school. Washington is considered our country's first engineer. The purpose of the week is to increase public awareness and appreciation for engineers. On the Web site for Engineer's Week, www.eweek.org, you can find activities for kids or even send a free eweek greeting card to your favorite engineer.



KYTC INVOLVED IN YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT

Transportation, growth and the environment will be the focus for the second annual Youth Environmental Summit and KYTC employees will play an active part in the conference. This year's event will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, March 21 and 22. The Youth Environmental Summit is sponsored by a task force of state and federal agencies and is funded by The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, The Kentucky Geographic Alliance, Kentuckiana Air Education and The Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

"The cabinet's Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN) is a great resource to the summit, because our members have developed relationships between the KYTC and the schools in our respective districts," stated Stuart Goodpaster, KYTC KEEN Statewide Coordinator and member of the summit task force.

Student groups representing 28 schools from across the state will be doing research on their own communities. The students will develop a historic timeline of transportation in their community and a vision of the

transportation system in the next twenty years. At the summit, they will share this information with policy makers and those interested in transportation and its effects on the human and natural environment. Through these activities, it is hoped that students recognize their own power as informed citizens in the planning



for their community.

"It is a great opportunity for a real-life experience. Just as our planners and environmental coordinators do, these young people will consider that plan's effects on the well-being of the places where they live," Goodpaster explained. "The Cabinet is fortunate to have employees dedicated work on such an important educational experience. The stu-

dents will learn from us and we will definitely learn from them," he added.

The Summit is a showcase for student work rather than a place where students come to listen. The two-day event will include a display of the historic transportation timelines, the student presentations of their transportation plans, student-moderated discussion groups, and a keynote luncheon on Monday. Sponsored by Kentuckiana Air Education (KAIRE), the luncheon will also serve as the kick-off event for ozone season and their efforts to improve our air quality.

"Because ozone is one of the environmental impacts of transportation, KAIRE has taken a very active role in this year's event," commented Jesse Mayes, a task force member and engineer for KYTC Division of Multimodal Programs. "This will be an opportunity for these future leaders of our communities to be exposed to this particular aspect of the transportation and the environment relationship."

More information on this event is available at www.state.ky.us/agencies/envred/summit.htm.

Highway Safety Team Promotes Seat Belt Use to Harrison County Students



Pictured with four of Harrison County's students are (L to R): From the KYTC Division of Driver Safety Doug Mitchell, Darrell Snapp, Jim Pennington, Jeff Bibb and Drive Smart Kentucky Bear Brandon Muravchick and far right KYTC Highway Safety Coordinator Boyd Sigler. Special thanks go to KYTC's Sign Shop and District 6 sign crew for the 'Buckle Up HCHS' signs.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet started the Harrison County Highway Safety Team in December 2003 in an effort to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries. Harrison County was identified as the county with the highest overall collision rate on the state-maintained system.

As part of the effort, the team is seeking to increase the usage of seatbelts not only throughout the county, but at Harrison County High School as well. Kentucky's current seatbelt usage rate is 66%, while Harrison County has a usage rate of 47% and students at Harrison County High School are even lower at 45%.

To encourage students to buckle up, signs were installed where the students exit the school property. Educational programs will also be presented throughout the year, including a mock crash in April.

Earlier this month, architect students from Ball State University got a tour of the new transportation building in Frankfort. While visiting, they stopped in the newly completed transportation operations center (T.O.C.) which they found to be quite interesting.



Two students, Andrea and Glenn were asked what they thought about the center. "We are learning how to design in a more modern scale and this center is comparable to the designs we are learning," said Andrea. Glenn, also impressed with the T.O.C. added, "This whole technology is very exciting. Technology increases efficiency and safety and that's what transportation is all about."



The employees in the drivers' license division brought in non-perishable food to donate to the food pantry at Memorial Baptist Church. This food collection drive was a way for the employees to express their appreciation to the church members who had

served a free lunch each Friday during the move-in phase. The church is located on Holmes St. in Frankfort, near the new transportation building. The contributions will be given to persons in need.



Old bridge pier left in place protects endangered mussels.



Saving old bridge pier helps protect mussel habitat

When you're taking apart an old bridge, you don't have to demolish all of it. After Kentucky Transportation Cabinet construction crews learned about a population of Cumberland bean pearly mussels downstream from a bridge crossing the Rockcastle River in Laurel and Rockcastle Counties, they took some simple steps to prevent demolition and construction activities from disturbing the endangered species. Throughout the project to demolish the old bridge and build a new one, they kept heavy equipment out of the water, and they left one of the original in-stream piers in place. These precautions, combined with strict erosion control measures, preserved the stream channel and prevented silt from floating downstream and over the mussel beds.

*Written by Dale Noe, an environmental biologist in the Environmental Analysis Division, the above article recently appeared as a feature project in FHWA's **KEEPING IT SIMPLE: Easy Ways to Help Wildlife Along Roads** web site. The purpose of the site is to highlight - for the transportation community and for the traveling public - easy ways of reducing highway impacts on wildlife.*

Preferred Alternative Identified for I-69 Corridor Linking Henderson and Evansville

Recently the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS) for the I-69 extension between Henderson, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana was approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

The DEIS consists of evaluating the potential of constructing a new interstate highway between the cities of Henderson and Evansville, as well as the potential for a new Ohio River Bridge between the two cities. Although four alternatives were evaluated in detail, the DEIS identifies one of two eastern alternatives, Alternative 2, as the preferred alternative. Alternative 2 will utilize more than 18 miles of existing I-164 before entering new align-

ment just east of the Green River Road interchange in Evansville. The Alternative will then travel south on new alignment across a new Ohio River bridge crossing where it will connect to the Breathitt Parkway in Henderson, KY. The total length of Alternative 2 is approximately 30.2 miles and is estimated to cost approximately \$652 million to construct.

"The partnership on this project between Indiana and Kentucky has been phenomenal," said Secretary Bailey. "INDOT, KYTC, the Evansville Urban Transportation Study (EUTS) and the Divisions of the Federal Highway Administration from both Indiana and Kentucky all agree that Alternative 2 is the preferred Alternative based on the initial investigations."

Kentucky Parents and Caregivers get a Lesson in Child Passenger Safety

In an effort to urge Kentuckians to properly restrain child passengers in motor vehicles, Governor Ernie Fletcher signed a proclamation declaring Sunday, February 8th through Saturday, February 14th Child Passenger Safety Week in Kentucky.

"It is essential that we ensure the safety and well-being of every Kentuckian in the Commonwealth," said Governor Fletcher. "Child Passenger Safety Week is an excellent opportunity to urge parents and other care providers to properly use car safety restraints to protect Kentucky's children."

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Clay Bailey and Kentucky State SAFE KIDS Coordinator Susan H. Pollack, M.D. joined Governor Fletcher in spreading the message about child passenger safety.

In a joint effort to decrease the high rate of children improperly restrained in child safety seats, the Transportation Cabinet's Division of Driver Safety has partnered with the Kentucky Child Passenger Safety Team to conduct

free child passenger safety seat inspections throughout the state according to Transportation Secretary Bailey. "Starting on Monday, February 9th through February 13th, Kentuckians will be given the chance to visit a checkpoint at one of these five locations: Henderson, Morehead, Burling-

A 3 to 4 year old who becomes too big for a child safety seat is still too small to safely fit into an adult seat belt, Pollack said.

"Don't skip a step, remember to use a booster seat for your 4 to 8 year old until the seat belt fits properly," Pollack said. "Almost all kindergarten and 1st graders need to be in booster seats. Kids from 8 to 18 need to wear their seat belt on every ride."

Parents, relatives, childcare providers, and others who transport children in any car, truck or van need to be sure children always are restrained in the seat correct for age and size, Pollack said. Parents need to not only remember to place children in seat

belts or safety seats, but also need to make sure such devices are installed properly.

"Parents should note that four out of five child safety seats are installed wrong and motor vehicle crashes remain the number one killer of children and adolescents," Pollack said.



Bailey speaks to crowd of Child Passenger Safety supporters.

ton, Tompkinsville, and Frankfort," Bailey said.

According to Pollack, almost a third of the Kentucky kids who died of injury could be saved just by buckling children up properly on every ride. Babies should be placed in rear facing car seats until at least one year of age and should then graduate to a forward facing child safety seat.

GOVERNOR FLETCHER SENDS FUNDS TO FIX "DEAD MAN'S CURVE" IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY

Using dollars from the transportation contingency fund, Governor Ernie Fletcher in January provided \$113,600 for some immediate improvements to a portion of US 431 south of Belton in Muhlenberg County known as "Dead Man's Curve".

The stretch of road got its name from a recent rash of serious car crashes. Three people have been killed at the site since May of 2003. On January 8th, Governor Fletcher, along with Transportation Secretary Clay Bailey and legislators from the area met in the Governor's Office with the Bobby Anderson family whose daughter was one of the crash victims. The Gov-

ernor promised immediate action to improve safety on the roadway.

State Highway Engineer Mac Yowell visited the site on January 13th and soon after dispatched a state road crew to remove trees and a portion of the hill on the west side of the curve to improve visibility. The state will also widen the shoulders and when the weather warms this spring, add a new skid resistant surface.

Meanwhile, state engineers are developing a plan to completely redesign the dangerous curve. Federal funds are being used to pay for the redesign that is expected to be completed by this summer and barring any major delays reconstruction of the curve could be finished by summer of 2005.

TRANSPORTATION CABINET EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Month of January 2004

<u>NAME & ADDRESSLOCATION</u>		<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TOTAL YEARS</u>
Richard T. Wilson	Hwys/Materials	Geol Sv-Reg	20 Yrs 8 Mos.
Roger D. Stevenson	Hwys/Dist 3	Adm Spec II	24 Yrs 1 Mo.
Leonard W. Taylor	Hwys/Dist 8	Hwy Eq Op I	2 Yrs
Dannie M. Davenport	Hwys/Dist 9	Hwy Eq Op II	11 Yrs 11 Mos.
Dewey C. Lawson	Hwys/Dist 11	Hwy Eq Op IV	24 Yrs 7 Mos.

TRAFFIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT MADE EASY ON THE WEB



So, the bad news is you need to go to traffic school.... but the good news is, if the court orders you to go, it is now easier to enroll. On February 16, the Division of Driver Licensing (DDL) launched a new service allowing drivers to enroll or reschedule state traffic school over the Internet once they receive a letter from the DDL regarding their enrollment.

Prior to the availability of this convenient service, persons had to get a money order or certified check (which usually carries a fee) and then mail it back to Frankfort. Once the class enrollment and fee was received, a series of manual processes followed to actually get the driver information, school location and fee information entered on the driving record.

With the new system, drivers actually enroll themselves and pay their fee with a debit or credit card. The necessary information is posted directly onto their driving record, without employees being involved. A receipt can be printed immediately and then the actual class date will be



mailed to the driver within a few weeks. If it becomes necessary to reschedule a class, that can be done through the Web site (<http://sts.ky.gov>) as well. The Web site is also located off the DDL home page.

About 100,000 people go to traffic school each year and DDL officials hope that about 30% of the attendees will begin using the service by the end of this year.



COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN STATE GOVERNMENT!

Go to <http://communique.ky.gov/february/tablecontents.htm> to see the latest edition of the Commonwealth Communique.

ADVENTURES IN KENTUCKY

Keep On Trekkin' At A Kentucky State Park

Brought to you by the Kentucky Department of Parks

A new series of guided hikes last year was a sell-out, so the state Department of Parks will conduct the program again this year.

Trekking Kentucky State Parks will offer exciting adventures that take in some of the state's most scenic and historic sites. Canoeing, caving, and overnight hikes, all under the watchful eye of a trained park staff member, are among activities on tap for this year.

Each hike generally varies from four to six hours in length. Treks are somewhat strenuous, so some experience is advised, and proper hiking gear is essential. Fees range from \$10 to \$50 per person. The fee includes equipment, bottled water, food, and a souvenir. Treks are open to persons 10 years old and up. There are 14 hikes scheduled in all, and a participant in at least seven treks qualifies for prize drawings.

The seven resorts participating in the series are Carter Caves, Cumberland Falls, Greenbo Lake, Jenny Wiley, Natural Bridge, Pennyryle Forest, and Pine Mountain. Each park will offer various dates for the treks, and hikes are scheduled from early April through October.

Advance registration is required. For more information and to obtain a registration form, visit the Kentucky state park web site at <http://www.kystateparks.ky.gov> or contact the state naturalist, Carey Tichenor, 12th floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, Ky. 40601, phone 1-502-564-8110, ext. 246, e-mail carey.tichenor@ky.gov.

Rough River Hosts Buffalo Buffet

Brought to you by the Kentucky Department of Parks

One of Rough River Dam State Resort's most popular special dinners is scheduled for Saturday, March 6. It's the annual Buffalo and Wild Game Buffet.

Roast buffalo round will be served, along with hickory-smoked wild boar, rabbit pot pie, frog legs, roast duck, catfish, burgoo, and a variety of side dishes. Also on tap are a live band, wildlife and hunting displays, and other activities. Roy Grimes, deputy commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, will give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. Because of the popularity of the event, reservations with tickets are required for both the 5 p.m. CST and 6:30 p.m. CST seatings. Tickets are \$20 per person; for children age 4 to 8, tickets are \$10 each.

Rough River Dam is located at Falls of Rough in Grayson County. For reservations, contact the park at 1-270-257-2311.



Comic Corner

A little humor about being accurate—

A stranger entered the building and asked a boy standing in the lobby, “Can you tell me where Mr. Smith lives?”

The young man smiled and replied pleasantly, “Yes, sir. I’ll show you.”

Six flights up the boy pointed out a room as that belonging to Mr. Smith. The man pounded on the door repeatedly and, after no response, commented, “He’s not here.”

“Oh, no, sir,” replied the boy. “Mr. Smith was downstairs waiting in the lobby.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Little words never hurt a big idea.

—*Howard Newton*





News From District Two

Taking Care of Business

Although all of our crews stay busy during the construction season, Crew 311 has had a very, very busy season. They have completed nearly \$28 million in resurfacing, overlays, bridge painting, small bridge replacements, etc. Thanks to Crew 311 for all their hard work!

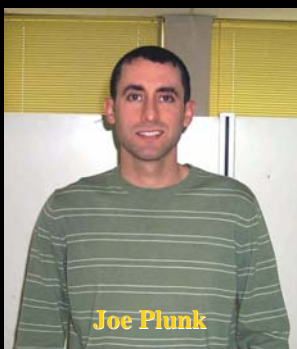


Crew 311: Back row (left to right): Kash Kimberlin, Glenn Abell, Clint Holmes, Tom O'Reilly, Jim Taylor, Dwayne O'Bryan, Mary Miller, Regina Baldwin, Dan Johnson, Dennis Horton Middle row: Janice Leslie Front row: (left to right): Keith Edge, Wayne Howard, Keith Mayes, and Larry Gaynor.

Taking Time for Hoops



John Chandler



Joe Plunk



Darren Peveler

The love of basketball is a given for nearly every kid growing up in Kentucky. For some, the love for the game goes beyond just watching it. District 2 has two assistant high school coaches and two KHSAA referees. **Mark Brasher** (not pictured) is the District 2 Traffic Engi-

neer and is an assistant varsity coach for his alma mater, the Whitesville Trinity Raiders. Mark has been coaching for 3 years. **John Chandler** is on Crew 117 and has been involved in coaching for 15 years. He coached at Providence for 12 years before becoming an assistant coach with the Webster County High School Trojans for the last 3 years. **Joe Plunk** is an engineer in the District 2 design section. About 5 years ago, Joe began refereeing basketball games. Joe is a KHSAA referee and primarily referees girls varsity games. **Darren Peveler** is on Crew 030 and is also a KHSAA referee. Darren has been a referee for about 3 years.



News From District Four

District 4 Recognized for Quality in Asphalt Paving



Left to Right: Tommy Kemp of Scotty's Contracting, District 4 Branch Manager for Construction Gary Raymer, Michael Law of Scotty's Contracting, and District 4 Resident Engineer Doug Smith.



Representatives from Scotty's Contracting and Stone LLC presented District 4 with a plaque recognizing excellence in hot mix asphalt pavements. Scotty's Contracting and Stone LLC were awarded the 2003 Quality in Construction Award at the National Asphalt Pavement Association's 49th Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. They received the award for the break/seat and overlay of 2.3 miles of the Western Kentucky Parkway in Grayson County. The Scotty's Contracting and

KYTC used partnering to resolve any problems with the project, producing a smooth, high-quality and aesthetically pleasing pavement for the citizens of Kentucky. The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only association that exclusively represents the interests of the Hot Mix Asphalt pro-

ducer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations.

ACTING BRIDGE ENGINEER

The Division of Operations has a new bridge engineer in District 4. Due to the retirement of Bob Harrison, David Kemper has been named the Acting Bridge Engineer, effective January 1, 2004. David is a career employee with 25 plus years of service with the Transportation Cabinet.



SAFETY IS FIRST IN DISTRICT 4

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

Dianne Wentworth, District Four Safety Coordinator, met with the employees at the district office to explain their evacuation plan in case of an emergency. Copies of the plan are posted throughout the new building.



EMPLOYEES RECEIVE OSHA SAFETY TRAINING

Resident Engineers, Engineering Technicians, Engineering Assistants and other employees from the Division of Materials attended a 10-hour safety course that covered OSHA Standards for construction. Tim Wilson, Construction Safety Instructor, also included a class for final estimates.



News From District Six

Scenes from Child Passenger Safety Week in Boone County

On February 11, 2004, KYTC's Division of Driver Safety sponsored Child Passenger Safety Week at the Burlington Firehouse in Boone County. There were 30 people who took advantage of the opportunity to have their child safety seats properly installed by certified personnel from local fire crews and the Boone County Sheriffs Department.

Brittany Harney of Burlington watches as her child safety seat is inspected.



Amy Pieper along with her children Emily and Ethan had their child safety seat properly installed by Corey Deye of the Burlington Fire Department and Tara Kleir of the Hebron Fire Department.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO KYTC!



Bonita Marshall **Mimi Merrill**

Bonita Marshall is a Paralegal. Mimi Merrill is Right of Way Unit Leader. Both women received a 30 years of service certificate.



Hank Germann

Hank Germann is the Branch Manager of Right of Way. He received his 30 years of service certificate.



Larry Trenkamp

Larry Trenkamp is Branch Manager of Construction. He received his 25 years of service certificate.



Mike Schneider

Mike Schneider is the ITS Supervisor and received his 30 years of service certificate.



News From District Seven

District Seven Construction Crew Wins 2003 NAPA Quality Awards



The Fayette County Construction Crew recently received two **Quality in Construction Awards** from the **National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA)**. These annual awards recognize excellence in hot mix asphalt pavements. In addition to these, the Fayette County Crew has won three Quality Awards over the past two years. This year the crew received the awards for their work on the *Harrodsburg Road resurfacing project* and the *I-64, Fayette/Clark County widening and resurfacing project*.

Brian Billings, Branch Manager for Construction, praised the effort of his staff

saying, "It thrills me to see 'award winning efforts' built into every project in District 7, not just the projects that are recognized by these two awards. I feel that the commitment to quality road building is embodied in the everyday efforts of this crew and these employees."

Receiving the awards are (from left to right): Resident Engineer Tim Sharp, D-7 Materials L. G. Dawson, D-7 Construction Bill Scott, Branch Manager Brian Billings, D-7 Construction Paul Holland, and Resident Engineer Andy Barber.



News From District Eight



On November 10, 2003 there was a large rockfall between MP 11 and 12 on US 25. Initially, the rockfall blocked all traffic on US 25. But the District 8 crew went to work immediately and opened 2 of the 3 lanes. There was a possibility that other large rocks could fall, so the 3rd lane remained closed until more work could be done. On top of lane closures, the rock fall broke a water main that serves nearby businesses and residents. The water company was concerned about the safety of the work area and would not repair the waterline until the loose rocks were removed. The residences and businesses in the area were without water and the health department told several businesses to close until water was restored. District 8 did not have the state resources to quickly do the work themselves. So under an emergency contract, Elmo Greer & Sons along with the District 8 crew began cleaning up the rock fall. The large rocks had to be blasted before they could be removed. But before the blasting, the road and the temporary waterline were covered with 4 to 5 feet of dirt to protect them from the blasting. It took 10 days to complete the cleanup and repair. The folks in District 8 commend the crews in the field who are on call regardless of weather, time of day, or holidays. They make sure, due to whatever unforeseen occurrence, Kentucky highways are safe for everyone!

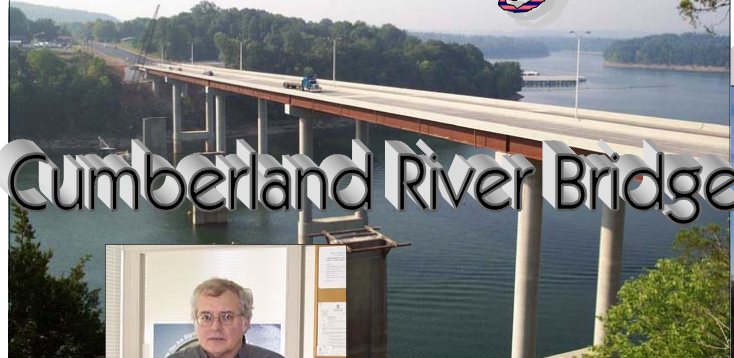
Johnny Wyatt Serves His Country

Once again, a District 8 employee has been called on to protect and serve the U.S. Johnny Wyatt, Transportation Tech I from our Sign Shop/Traffic Department was called to duty in January. Johnny came to us in July 2003 from the Russell County Toll Facility and has been a Transportation employee for 19 years. It is only natural that his “Enduring Freedom” role with the 123rd Air Wing as an E7 Sergeant 1st Class is one that deals with another area of transportation. Johnny is a mechanic in the propulsion shop and works on aircraft engines. He was first deployed during Homeland Security Defense for thirteen months in 2001-02. He is on a relief mission for another unit and hopes to be back at District 8 in 3 months. District 8 thanks him for his dedication and hopes for his safe return.



Congratulations

District Eight Construction



Cumberland River Bridge



Larry Kerr



Pitman Creek Bridge

Recently, KYTC and District 8 Construction were the recipient of the prestigious 2002-03 KY Ready Mix Concrete Association award for “outstanding contributions to concrete design and construction.” The Cumberland River bridge and the Pitman Creek bridge over Lake Cumberland in Pulaski County are structures that were constructed with a great deal of professionalism and expertise from District 8 Construction staff and crews. This outstanding work was under the direction of Transportation Engineer Branch Manager Larry Kerr and his staff District Construction Engineer Rodney Little and Resident Engineer

Jim Upchurch. They were chosen for the award for concrete design and construction of the large drill shafts, the largest constructed nationwide at 11 1/2 feet in diameter and 180 feet high, which is almost twice the size of the usual design. Both projects began in June of 1999 and were completed in March of 2003 with the cooperation of Massman Construction and Ready Mix Concrete of Somerset. Larry’s entire 32 year career has been in construction, and over the years he has been instrumental in many projects of which he can be proud, but the new structures over Lake Cumberland will indeed become his legacy!